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Lenexa man returns from duty in Iraq with Army Corps of Engineers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – A civilian project manager with the Army Corps of Engineers returned to his Lenexa, Kan., home Friday after serving 120 days in Iraq as a construction management specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Ed Louis, 52, deployed to Iraq Oct. 26 as part of the Corps-led effort to rebuild the country's infrastructure in the wake of war.

"It was a rewarding experience, and one that I will never forget," Louis said. "We are making a difference over there, but there is still a lot to be done."

While in Iraq, Louis was stationed in Al Taji, a town 30 kilometers north of Baghdad, and served on a team that built facilities and bases for new Iraqi Army.

Louis, an environmental project manager with the Kansas City District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is one of 30 Kansas City civilian Corps employees who have deployed to Iraq to help rebuild the country since early last year.

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Editors/Assignment Editors: *Louis will be available to discuss his stint of Iraq service Friday at the Bolling Federal Building in Kansas City, Mo.*

Media should contact Mitch Frazier, the Corps' public affairs officer, at (816) 983-3486 to schedule an interview with Louis.